

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A wheel-balancing weight for mounting to a wheel with a flange, the weight comprising a weighted body and a clip securely attached thereto, the body defining a recess therein, the clip having a securing portion formed to be securely positioned within the recess defined in the body and a grasping portion for securely grasping the flange, the recess of the body allowing the clip to be positioned with respect to such body so that the body is shifted toward the mounted-to wheel to achieve a proper fit to the wheel, the securing portion of the clip being secured within the recess by flowing a portion of the body adjacent such clip into contact therewith,

the body having an outboard face for facing away from the mounted-to wheel and an opposing inboard face for facing toward the mounted-to wheel, the body defining the recess to extend along the inboard face,

the body further having an inner radial face for facing toward an axis of the mounted-to wheel and an opposing outer radial face for facing away from the axis of the mounted-to wheel, the body further defining the recess to transition from the inboard face and along the outer radial face,

the securing portion of the clip including a substantially planar radial portion positioned within the recess substantially parallel to the inboard face, and a substantially planar axial portion positioned within the recess substantially parallel to the outer radial face,

wherein the body in defining the recess includes a pair of opposing lateral sides that demarcate the recess and define a width of such recess, and wherein the securing portion of the clip has a pair of opposing lateral edges that define a width of such securing

portion, each lateral edge of the securing portion of the clip corresponding to a lateral side of the recess of the body, wherein the width of the securing portion of the clip is substantially the width of the recess of the body, and wherein with the securing portion of such clip positioned within such recess, each lateral edge of the securing portion of the clip is in a substantially abutting position with respect to the corresponding lateral side of the body,

wherein the securing portion of the clip is secured within the recess by flowing each lateral side of the body into the corresponding lateral edge of the securing portion of the clip, whereby the clip is prevented from at least circumferential and axial movement with respect to the mounted-to wheel, and

wherein each lateral edge of the securing portion of the clip defines a plurality of lateral serrations therein, the lateral serrations on each lateral edge extending along substantially the entirety of the corresponding lateral side of the recess with the securing portion of the clip positioned within the recess, substantially all of the lateral serrations interacting with the flowed lateral sides of the body to prevent the clip from radial movement with respect to the mounted-to wheel.

2. (Original) The weight of claim 1 wherein the flange extends circumferentially with respect to the wheel and defines a circumferentially extending pocket adjacent the wheel within which the body of the weight is to be nestled to achieve proper balancing, and wherein the body extends in a generally arcuate manner to follow the generally circumferentially extending pocket of the wheel when the weight is mounted to such wheel.

3. (Original) The weight of claim 1 wherein the body extends in a generally arcuate manner and wherein the recess is generally centered with respect to the arcuate extent of the body.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously Presented) The weight of claim 1 wherein the securing portion of the clip includes a generally planar radial portion positioned within the recess generally parallel to the inboard face.

6-7 (Canceled)

8. (Original) The weight of claim 1 wherein the grasping portion of the clip co-acts with at least a portion of the securing portion to perform such grasping function, the grasping portion following along with but separate from such at least a portion of the securing portion such that the flange is fitted into a compartment defined therebetween and securely grasped therebetween.

9. (Original) The weight of claim 1 wherein the clip is secured within the recess by crimping a portion of the body adjacent such clip into contact therewith.

10-12 (Canceled)

13. (Previously Presented) A vehicle having a wheel with a flange and a wheel-balancing weight mounted to the flange, the weight comprising a weighted body and a clip securely attached thereto, the body defining a recess therein, the clip having a securing portion formed to be securely positioned within the recess defined in the body and a grasping portion for securely grasping the flange, the recess of the body allowing the clip to be positioned with respect to such body so that the body is shifted toward the wheel to achieve a proper fit thereto, the securing portion of the clip being secured within the recess by flowing a portion of the body adjacent such clip into contact therewith,

the body having an outboard face for facing away from the mounted-to wheel and an opposing inboard face for facing toward the mounted-to wheel, the body defining the recess to extend along the inboard face,

the body further having an inner radial face for facing toward an axis of the mounted-to wheel and an opposing outer radial face for facing away from the axis of the mounted-to wheel, the body further defining the recess to transition from the inboard face and along the outer radial face,

the securing portion of the clip including a substantially planar radial portion positioned within the recess substantially parallel to the inboard face, and a substantially planar axial portion positioned within the recess substantially parallel to the outer radial face,

wherein the body in defining the recess includes a pair of opposing lateral sides that demarcate the recess and define a width of such recess, and wherein the securing portion of the clip has a pair of opposing lateral edges that define a width of such securing portion, each lateral edge of the securing portion of the clip corresponding to a lateral side of the recess of the body, wherein the width of the securing portion of the clip is substantially

the width of the recess of the body, and wherein with the securing portion of such clip positioned within such recess, each lateral edge of the securing portion of the clip is in a substantially abutting position with respect to the corresponding lateral side of the body,

wherein the securing portion of the clip is secured within the recess by flowing each lateral side of the body into the corresponding lateral edge of the securing portion of the clip, whereby the clip is prevented from at least circumferential and axial movement with respect to the mounted-to wheel, and

wherein each lateral edge of the securing portion of the clip defines a plurality of lateral serrations therein, the lateral serrations on each lateral edge extending along substantially the entirety of the corresponding lateral side of the recess with the securing portion of the clip positioned within the recess, substantially all of the lateral serrations interacting with the flowed lateral sides of the body to prevent the clip from radial movement with respect to the mounted-to wheel.

14. (Original) The vehicle of claim 13 wherein the body extends in a generally arcuate manner and wherein the recess is generally centered with respect to the arcuate extent of the body.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Previously Presented) The vehicle of claim 13 wherein the securing portion of the clip includes a generally planar radial portion positioned within the recess generally parallel to the inboard face.

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17-18 (Canceled)

19. (Original) The vehicle of claim 13 wherein the clip is secured within the recess by crimping a portion of the body adjacent such clip into contact therewith.

20-22 (Canceled)